Kansas Regional Trauma Council Executive Report

Southwest Trauma Region

October 29, 2004

Annual Meeting:

A general meeting was held on April 13, 2004 at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City. Dr. Stephen Smith presented trauma case studies and was very well received.

Executive committee elections were conducted and the existing members were re-elected.

Projects and Major Activities:

Regional Trauma Planning

A regional trauma planning awareness-building meeting was held on September 22, 2004 at the Southwind Country Club in Garden City. The meeting was used to review the trauma plan template, regional trauma council activities, and hospital resources assessment. The SW region purchased 50 gold books and distributed them at the meeting.

The SW region mailed the hospital trauma resources assessment in April and 14 of 18 were returned. We are working to obtain the final four.

The SW region purchased four Trauma Nurse Talks Tough Presentations that trauma council members will present throughout the region. The presentation targets adolescents particularly regarding driver and passenger safety issues.

Triage protocols were requested for use in trauma plan development.

The SW region enjoyed a significant increase in PHTLS providers with the trauma education funding.

Emergency Medical Dispatch

The region received \$17,000 for emergency medical dispatch training. The SW region will partner with the SC and SE regions on this project.

Trauma Registry

Of the 18 hospitals in the SW region, 16 have been trained in the registry (two have not been trained). Only 7 (44%) reported data in the 2nd quarter of 2004, which is consistent with the previous three quarters.